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SUBJECT:BRITISH FIND U.S. BUOY IN PACIFIC

REFERENCE: LONDON A-186

1. BUOY WASHED UP ON VAITUPU ISLAND IS INDEED NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) BUOY. IT IS FREE DRIFTING BUOY DEPLOYED IN EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC, JULY 1976, USED IN EXPERIMENT TO DETERMINE OCEAN CIRCULATION. SATELLITE DETERMINES LOCATION READS OUT WIND SPEED AND TEMPERATURE FROM BUOY.

2. NOAA DETERMINED RETURN BUOY HULL NOT COST EFFECTIVE BUT RETURN OF ELECTRONIC PACKAGE AND ANTENNA WOULD BE IF COST TO NOAA IS MAXIMUM FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS. NOAA WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE UK COMMISSIONER, TUVALU, RETAIN HULL; THEY MAKE EXCELLENT MARKER BUOYS. THERE ARE NO DANGERS INHERENT IN THE INSTRUMENT PACKAGE OR THE HULL ITSELF.

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3. BUOY HULL CAN BE OPENED WITH LITTLE DIFFICULTY AND THE ELECTRONICS PACKAGE AND ANTENNA REMOVED AS FOLLOWS: (A) REMOVE 8 BOLTS ON FLANGE NEAR TOP EXPOSING ELECTRONIC PACKAGE; (B) REMOVE 2 ALLEN HEAD SCREWS

HOLDING ELECTRONIC PACKAGE AND SLIDE OUT PACKAGE;

(C) CONNECTOR CAN BE PARTED BY REMOVING SPRING SECURING CLIPS; (D) ANTENNA MAY BE LEFT CONNECTED TO ELECTRONIC PACKAGE. TOP OF FLANGE REMAINS ATTACHED TO ANTENNA. IF BUOY IS TO BE USED AS MARKER BUOY, TOP SHOULD THEN BE SEALED.

4. THE PACKAGE IS ABOUT 2 FEET LONG BY 6 INCHES DIAMETER AND WEIGHS ABOUT 30 POUNDS; THE ANTENNA IS ABOUT 2 FEET LONG. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT TO BE RETURNED TO NOAA WOULD FIT IN A BOX ABOUT 3 FEET LONG BY 1 FOOT SQUARE. INSTRUMENT PACKAGE REQUIRES PADDING IN BOX. RETURN BY SEA ACCEPTABLE AS CHEAPEST METHOD. IF POSSIBLE, NOAA WOULD APPRECIATE PHOTO OF HULL.

5. EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE REIMBURSEMENT TO UK OR THROUGH THEM TO ISLAND OFFICIALS FOR UP TO A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS TOTAL FOR SHIPPING AND PACKAGING EXPENSES AND TO CHARGE THIS TO NOAA APPROPRIATION: 13X1450, RH1000, 83330117.

6. SHIPPING ADDRESS FOR ULTIMATE DESTINATION IS: PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY LABORATORY, NOAA, ATLANTIC OCEANOGRAPHIC AND METEOROLOGICAL LABORATORIES, 15 RICKENBACKER CAUSEWAY, MIAMI, FLORIDA 33149.

7. THE NEAREST NOAA FACILITIES ARE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE STATION AND RESEARCH LABORATORY FACILITY IN AMERICAN SAMOA. IF INSTRUMENT PACKAGE CAN BE TRANSPORTED AT SMALL COST TO NOAA AMERICAN SAMOA, FURTHER SHIPPING UNCLASSIFIED

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COULD BE HANDLED BY NOAA STATION THERE. PLEASE ADVISE RE FINAL DECISION ON RETURN SHIPMENT, SO THAT NOAA MAY MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH NOAA FACILITIES ON AMERICAN SAMOA.

8. NOAA APPRECIATES EMBASSY AND UK ASSISTANCE AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONVEYING THROUGH UK FOREIGN OFFICE NOAA'S APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS OF TUVALU OFFICIALS. VANCE

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